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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Second Meeting of the Intelligence Definitions Working Group

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1. The Group met this morning to hear first a presentation by an NSA briefer on how NSA has gone about defining 15,500 SIGINT terms in various glossaries. NSA's effort is so much larger and complex than what the Working Group intends that the presentation seemed to have little relevance to our work and stimulated little interest. (Briefing materials available upon request.)

2. [redacted] Chairman of the Group, then passed out a list of 26 intelligence terms and their definitions that he said had been prepared at the request of the Huddleston Subcommittee of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence and that had been forwarded to the Subcommittee. This was not my understanding, and I later established from [redacted] that the definitions had actually gone to [redacted] who is working with OLC as to what the reply should be. OLC is proposing not to respond to the Subcommittee's request until the new E.O. 11905 is issued. [redacted] next announced that he is having some trouble with OGC, which has taken the position that any definitions set forth in EO's must govern the work of our Working Group. [redacted] does not accept this and has drafted a paragraph to accompany anything we produce which says that our document will be governing unless otherwise specified in an Intelligence Community document. I think the paragraph needs some work, and I will have changes to suggest at our next meeting which is scheduled for the morning of 12 October.

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3. The Group then began reviewing a list of intelligence terms that one or another of the agencies represented had suggested might be defined. The suggestions seem to me for the most part to be reasonable. My major contribution was to suggest that if a National Intelligence Estimate was to be defined, then so should Alert Memorandum, Interagency Intelligence Memorandum and Special National Intelligence Estimate. The Group got about half way through the list before we adjourned at 1130.

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